

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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In re Application of: )  
MASAAKI NAKABAYASHI )  
Application No.: N.Y.A. - Based on Japanese )  
Priority Application JP 2000-251274 : )  
Filed: Herewith : )  
For: METHOD OF MANUFACTURING : )  
OPTICAL ELEMENT AND )  
OPTICAL ELEMENT. : )  
MANUFACTURED THEREBY ) August 13, 2001

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to calculating the filing fee, please amend the above-identified application as follows and consider the following remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claim 10 as follows. A marked-up copy of this claim is attached.

10. (Amended) An optical element manufactured by the method as set forth in claim 1 or 9.